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Blue Angels Return to Tuscaloosa on May 8 and May 9, 2010

Today, at the International Council of Airshows Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada the U.S. Navy Blue Angels announced that they will return to Tuscaloosa for a second consecutive year. They, along with the U.S. Army Golden Knights will be the headline performers at the Second Annual Tuscaloosa Air Show on May 8, 2010 and May 9, 2010 at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport. It is expected that the Air Show will draw tens of thousands of visitors to our community. This event will not only foster an economic boost, generating millions of new dollars into our regional economy, they will also lift our spirits by providing us an opportunity to watch some of America's bravest men and women perform at the highest level.

Mayor Maddox stated, "It is rare for a non-military based community to host the Blue Angels and Golden Knights in consecutive years. This opportunity is a direct result of the community's enthusiastic support and hospitality. It is also a testament to the work of countless employees and hundreds of volunteers who provided a first-class atmosphere that made the Tuscaloosa Air Show one of the most attended in the nation. I am extremely proud of our project team who has led our recruiting efforts, in particular, Tera Wyatt (TDOT Director), Jon Howell (TDOT Manager), Wayne Cameron (TDOT Airport Manager) and Stephanie Roberts (TCVB). Lastly, I want to thank the Tuscaloosa Convention Visitors Bureau for their support along with Tuscaloosa County Commission and the City of Northport. Judge Hardy McCollum and Mayor Bobby Herndon have been steadfast in providing funding and logistical support for this memorable event."

In the coming months, the Tuscaloosa Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, and the City of Northport will be working together to provide the logistical and financial support to make the Second Annual Tuscaloosa Air Show a great success. For additional information contact Tera Wyatt at 248-5800.

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